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Data User Guide

This guide explains how to access Nonemployer Statistics (NES) data in Comma Separated files (CSV) or using Data.census.gov. You may also contact the staff at 301-763-2580 or ewd.nonemployer.statistics@census.gov for assistance.

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Definitions

- **Nonemployer -** A nonemployer business is one that has no paid employees, has annual business receipts of $1,000 or more ($1 or more in the Construction industry), and is subject to federal income taxes.
- **Legal Form of Organization (LFO)** – An LFO is the organizational structure a firm chooses to adopt.
- **North America Industry Classification System (NAICS)** – Is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments.For more information, visit the NAICS website: https://www.census.gov/naics/
- **Noise Infusion** – A method of disclosure. Read more on the Methodology page.
- **Noise Flags**–

  G - Low Noise Infusion

  H - Medium Noise Infusion

  J - High Noise Infusion

  S - Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards

  N - Not available or not comparable

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Using the Homepage

Nonemployer Statistics (NES)

NES is an annual series that provides subnational economic data for businesses that have no paid employees and are subject to federal income tax. This series includes the number of businesses and total receipts by industry.

What is NES?

Where can I find NES data?

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Data, Data Information, and News can be found on the home page

News

Press Release | June 30, 2022

Census Bureau Releases 2019 Nonemployer Statistics

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Nonemployer Statistics has been produced as a consistent, annual series since 1997.

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NES Tables
NES data tables are available on data.census.gov from 2012 to the current reference year and in print publication from 1997-2004.

NES Datasets
NES data are available in downloadable CSV format, along with record layouts and reference guides, from 1997 to the current reference year.

API
The Census Bureau's Application Programming Interface (API) allows users to create custom queries. Users can embed these statistics into web or mobile apps.

Data is available:
- Through data.census.gov
- Downloadable (in CSV)
- Open Access APIs

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| All | **2019** | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | MORE ⌄ |

2019

Table | 2019
NES Tables 2019
View and download the 2019 NES Tables on data.census.gov

> **To access data using data.census.gov, simply click on the hyperlink after selecting a desired year on the NES Data Tables page. You will then be directed to data.census.gov**

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Accessing and Customizing Data using Data.Census.Gov

The default table will show US totals, click on Add Filters or Customize Table to customize the table.

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https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=NONEMP2019.NS1900NONEMP
&tid=NONEMP2019.NS1900NONEMP&hidePreview=true

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Customize your table (Geography, NAICS) by clicking either 'Geos' or '123 Codes'.

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Accessing and Customizing Data using Data.Census.Gov: Selecting a different Geography

1. Select 'Geos' as the filter you wish to change.
2. Select the geography type (U.S., State, County, Metropolitan Areas, or Combined Statistical Area).
3. Select the geographic area(s) you want. Some may be under 'Summary Levels'
4. Click 'Close' to apply the filter to the table.

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Accessing and Customizing Data using Data.Census.Gov: Selecting a different NAICS Code
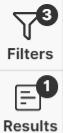
Economic Surveys

NS1900NONEMP | All Sectors: Nonemployer Statistics by Legal Form of Organization and Receipts Size Class for the U.S., States, and Sele...

2019: ECNSVY Nonemployer Statistics ∨

Filters 3 **Results 1**

Notes | Geos | Years | Topics | Surveys | **123 Codes** | Hide | Filter | Restore | Excel | CSV | ZIP | Print | FTP More Data | Map

Geograp...

Industry Codes (NAICS) **/ 48-49 - Transportation and warehousing /**
Select 48-49 - Transportation and warehousing

🔍 Search 48-49 - Transportation and warehousing

ℹ️ Available filters are limited by your chosen result in combination with selected filters. Some filters may be unavailable.

☐ 48-49 - Transportation and warehousing
☑ 3-digit NAICS within 48
☐ 4-digit NAICS within 48
☐ 5-digit NAICS within 48
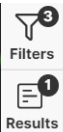📁 481 - Air transportation
📁 483 - Water transportation
📁 484 - Truck transportation

1. Select '123 Codes' as the filter you wish to change.
2. Select the 'Industry Codes (NAICS)' in the folders, or the 'N-digit NAICS' you want
3. Click the box in the folder with the code(s) desired. (multiple codes can be selected)

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Data.Census.Gov Features

HIDE/FILTER
Click 'Hide' to hide/show columns, such as noise flags. Click 'Filter' filter a column for a specific value or meaning.

Downloading Data in Data.Census.Gov

To download the desired table, select your preferred options to initiate the download

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Downloading Data in Comma-Separated Value (CSV)

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This series includes the number of businesses (with no paid employees) and total receipts. NES datasets are downloadable files in comma-separated values (CSV) format and provide data from 1997-present. In addition, record layouts and reference files are available within each year.

- U.S., States, and Counties datasets started in 1997
- Legal Form of Organization (LFO) datasets for the U.S. and states added in 2008
- Receipt Size Class datasets for the U.S. added in 2009
- CBP and NES Combined Report datasets added in 2012
- MSA and CSA datasets added in 2016

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Dataset | 2019
Nonemployer Statistics: 2019

Dataset | 2018
Nonemployer Statistics: 2018

Data users can download NES datasets in CSV format by clicking on NES Datasets and selecting the desired year.

Data files are available from 1997 to 2019

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Census Bureau and IRS disclosure guidelines are followed because the vast majority of Nonemployer Statistics data originates with the IRS. Starting in reference year 2018, at all levels of geography, the number of firms and receipts in a data cell can be published only if the cell contains three or more nonemployer businesses. In all other cases, the cell is removed from publication. However this data is included in higher level totals.

Datasets

Complete County File [3.5 MB]
Complete State File [<1.0 MB]
Complete U.S. File [<1.0 MB]
Complete MSA File [1.5 MB]
Complete CSA File [<1.0 MB]

Record Layouts

2017-2019
County Record Layout [<1.0 MB]
2017-2019
State Record Layout [<1.0 MB]
2017-2019
United States Record Layout [<1.0 MB]

Related Information

NES Datasets

Once selecting a year, you will have access to all available datasets for that year.

Record layouts are also available for reference.

Datasets are available as .ZIP files which contain a .txt file in CSV format.

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Additional Links

Help with Nonemployer Statistics Data
Phone: (301)763-2580
E-mail: ewd.nonemployer.statistics@census.gov

Help with data.census.gov (economic data only)
Phone: (301)763-5185
E-mail: econ.dissemination@census.gov and cedsci.feedback@census.gov

Help with non-economic data requests (demographic and other data)
Phone: (301)763-INFO(4636)
Website: https://ask.census.gov/newrequest.php

Related links
County Business Patterns: http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cbp.html
Nonemployer Statistics: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/nonemployer-statistics.html
2017 Economic Census: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census.html
Census Bureau Other Economic Programs: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-surveys.html
North American Industry Classification System: https://www.census.gov/naics/

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